(b) if so, whether Government would direct oil companies in India to make use of these additives in the petrol and diesel ;

(c) whether any studies have been made to find out the amount of pollution added or diminished by the use of these additives ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Use of Alcohol in Petrol

3656. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to embark on use of 20 per cent alcohol in petrol as is being done all over the world ; and

(b) whether Government are aware that alcohol was being added to petrol in India even during world war-II and whether this was discontinued on the basis of a Cabinet decision and at lower level of bureaucrats with vested interests ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) Alcohol was used in India in admixture with petrol during World War-II. Informtion in regard to reasons for discontinuing its use is not available.

LPG Distributors in Assam

3657. SHRI DAVID LEDGER : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of LPG distributors in Assam, district-wise ;

(d) What are the criteria for awarding distributorship ;

(c) what is the procedure of selection ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the public is facing inconvenience due to shortage of distributorship ; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) As on 1-1-1992, there were 108 LPG distributorships in Assam. District-wise details are not maintained in Government.

(b), and (c) Efforts are constantly on to provide LPG distributorships wherever required subject to product availability, economic viability etc. under various marketing plans.

(c) Selection of distrubutors is made by a selection agency constituted by Government from time to time and also through discretionary powers of Government.

Allotment of LPG cylinders

3658. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to the Starred Question 202 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1992 and state :

(a) whether any such agency has been allotted to the relations of Central Ministers and their staff; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) A number of applications for grant of dealerships/distributor_

ships of petroleum products are received by Government from time to time. Some of these are sanctioned from the discretionary quota of Government. There is no procedure to verify whether the applicants are related to the Central Ministers and their staff.

Supply of Kerosene to States

3659. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted by Government for distribution of kerosene to various States in the country ;

(b) the break-up of population and distribution of Kerosene, State-wise ;

(c) whether Government have received any representation about the inadequate supply of this product to some States ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to ensure adequate supply to the various State?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Kerosene is allocated to States/Union Territories on a historical basis subject to the availability of the products. State-wise allocation of kerosene for 1991-92 is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) to (e) Demand of kerosene is much more than total availability of keresene nthe coontry.Howeves requests from States a& Unuion Territories for meeting additihnal requirements as a conscquence of fnatural calamities etc. are cshnsidered and keresene allotted ubject to availability.

Statement

(Figures in mts.)

1.	Bihar	468617
2.	Gujarat	780927
3.	Haryana	150777
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	65021
5.	Madhya Pradesh	380502
6.	Maharashtra	1480045
7.	Meghalaya	15172
8.	Punjab	318794
9.	Rajasthan	264758
10.	Uttrar Pradesh	905891
11.	Andaman & Nicobar	3568
12.	Daman & Diu	2938
13.	Delhi	238171
14.	Lakshdweep	873
15.	Andhra Pradesh	563921
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	8790
17.	Assam	237339
18.	Chandigarh	20113
19.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3008
20.	Goa	26494
21.	Himachal Pradesh	35095
22.	Karnataka	430195
23.	Kerala	257223
24.	Manipur	19442
25.	Mizoram	5452
26.	Nagaland	9624
27.	Orissa	151344
28.	Pondicherry	13638
29.	Sikkim	5938
30.	Tamil Nadu	640000
31.	Tripura	18764
32.	West Bengal	716611
	TOTAL :	8239045